

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78940

Eric LAINET, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/733,639

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 1617

Examiner: Queenie S. DEGHAN

Filed: December 12, 2003

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE POLARIZATION MODE DISPERSION OF AN
OPTICAL FIBER DURING FIBER DRAWING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before August 28, 2006 (August 26, 2006, being a Saturday).

In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a method for applying torsion on an optical fiber, classified in class 65, subclass 378; or
- II. Claims 7-9, drawn to an apparatus for drawing optical fiber, classified in class 65, subclass 485.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to claims 1-6 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

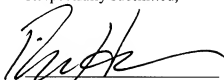
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephone interview would be helpful, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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